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CLAMP DEVICE			

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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 24, 2003, Applicants submit the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.